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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESOURCES RE: HB 1125**

The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWV-TX) thanks you for this opportunity to share our support for HB 1125.

HB 1125 - provides regulators and policy makers with objective research regarding pipeline odorization.

HB 1125 requires the Railroad Commission to conduct a study regarding the effectiveness, costs, and benefits of odorizing gas in gathering and transmission pipelines in urban areas. The study would also examine exemptions to federal odorization requirements that many transmission lines currently receive. It would also identify effective alternative leak detection methods.

Gas gathering lines in urban areas of the Barnett Shale carry unodorized gas at high pressure. To some, especially those living close to the pipelines, this unodorized gas is an unacceptable risk. The study required in HB 1125 would assess the costs and benefits of odorizing gas in the gas gathering lines.

This bill will provide for research into safe transportation of natural gas and LWV-TX supports HB 1125 for that reason.